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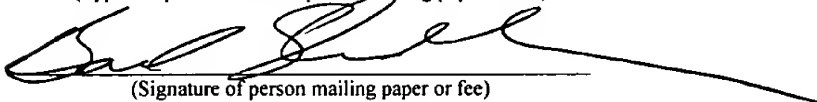
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EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 AND
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Madam:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 26, 2003 and telephonic interviews with Examiner Yu on July 9, 2003 and October 22, 2003, applicants respectfully submit a

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request for continued examination (RCE) and this preliminary amendment. A check in the amount of \$1,390.00, which includes the \$385 payment for the small-entity filing of the RCE has been submitted with this paper.